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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following section on page 1, after the title of the invention:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is based upon and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Australian Patent Application Nos. PQ9222, filed August 4, 2000 and PR2757, filed January 29, 2001, the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7-9 as follows:

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein object identification may be defined as <layer identifier> <object identifier> <depth characteristic>.

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8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein each identifier is an alphanumeric identifier.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said layer identifier is a reference to said depth characteristic.